

The Freedom Network mission is:

To empower trafficked and enslaved persons.

The goals of the Freedom Network:

- To Ensure that trafficked and enslaved persons are treated as victims, are able to have full access to justice, including compensation and restitution from the traffickers and employers, and are provided with access to comprehensive, culturally-sensitive and victim-centered services.
- To Increase public awareness of the crimes of trafficking and slavery through education, research, training, community outreach and organizing for the purpose of prevention and to support the rights of trafficked and enslaved persons.
- To Engage in advocacy at the local, national and international levels on behalf of trafficked and enslaved persons and for full prosecution of traffickers and employers, including corporations and their subcontractors.
- **To Develop** local and national networks in the United States and to link with international networks in order to carry out the above-listed activities.

Freedom Network Activities

Collectively, Freedom Network (USA) member organizations have provided services in more than 40 languages and dialects to over 1,000 trafficked and enslaved persons in the United States, hailing from 60 different countries. Members assist persons who have been recruited, transported, and/or harbored for forced labor, slavery, debt bondage, or servitude in:

- Agricultural work
- Begging
- Child labor
- Child pornography
- Construction
- Domestic work
- Entertainment industry
- Factory work
- Food service industry
- Garment manufacturing
- Hotel/Motel industry
- Prostitution
- Servile marriage

Member services include:

- Assistance with escape from slavery
- Case management for survivors
- Community organizing for corporate responsibility
- Expert witness testimony and referral
- Investigation of slavery operations and prosecution assistance
- Leadership development of survivors
- Legal assistance for survivors (criminal, labor, immigration and civil)
- Policy advocacy (local, national and international)
- Repatriation and reintegration assistance
- Technical assistance/case consultation
- Training for government and non-government personnel



Photo by Michael Kimble

What is human trafficking?

Trafficking is the recruitment, harboring, transporting, providing or obtaining, by any means, of any person for forced labor, slavery, peonage or servitude in any industry or site such as agriculture, prostitution, domestic service or marriage.

What is modern-day slavery?

Modern-day slavery commonly involves the use of physical, psychological and/or sexual violence by slaveholders who extract enormous profits from the labor of people seeking a better life for themselves and their families.

"Trafficking in persons is a human rights problem that requires a human rights response... [it] is a worldwide problem that must be confronted here in our country..."

— Senator Paul Wellstone

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FREEDOM NETWORK INSTITUTE ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING PRESENTED BY MEMBERS OF THE FREEDOM NETWORK USA

Human Trafficking and Slavery: **Basic Tools For An Effective Response**

Human Trafficking and Slavery: Basic Tools For An Effective Response is a comprehensive training curriculum that provides a solid foundation for participants to address issues of human trafficking and slavery in various contexts where it might be encountered in the United States. The training helps answer questions such as, how do I know if someone is trafficked or enslaved? What should I do? How should I provide services?

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What is the role of law protections and benefits are available to victims

under the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act (VTVPA) of 2000? The information contained in the training is based on the applied knowledge and methods of the Freedom Network (USA), a national coalition of anti-trafficking organizations and advocates. Freedom Network (USA) members have been on the forefront of the anti-trafficking movement in the United States and have assisted government agencies in their efforts to investigate and prosecute traffickers and slaveholders for more than 10 years. This training is designed to facilitate active learning through real-life case scenarios, participatory exercises and by providing "best practices" examples from the experts working most closely on trafficking and slavery in the United States.



EVERY 10 MINUTES, SOMEONE IS TRAFFICKED INTO SLAVERY IN THE UNITED STATES.

The training is comprised of four modules that can be presented over two days or can be tailored to meet the needs of various audiences. All participants will receive a Freedom Network Tool Kit containing presentation slides, useful forms, contact information and supplemental reference materials.

Module 1:

Dimensions of Human Trafficking and Slavery

- Introduction to Human Trafficking and Slavery
- Overview of the Human Rights Approach to Assisting Trafficked and Enslaved Persons
- U.S. Government Response

Module 2: **Identifying Trafficked and Enslaved Persons**

- Video Presentation
- Key Elements of Trafficking and Slavery
- Case Scenarios

Module 3: **Providing Social Services**

- Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Trafficking: A Case Management Model
- Conducting a Needs Assessment and Service Planning
- Coordination of Human Services

Module 4: **Understanding the Legal Framework**

- The Basic Rights of Trafficked and Enslaved Persons
- Legal Assessment and Forms of Relief
- Criminal Prosecution of Traffickers
- NGO and Law Enforcement Collaboration

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Who should attend this training?

Trafficked and enslaved individuals have been discovered by the general public and law enforcement in local neighborhoods, restaurants, factories and within the justice system. Everyone should be aware of basic information about identifying and assisting trafficked and enslaved persons. This training is especially important for:

- Attorneys and legal providers
- Community service providers
- Department of Labor investigators
- DHS agents (ICE, CBP, BCIS, etc.)
- Domestic violence survivor advocates
- Faith-based service providers
- FBI agents
- Medical and mental health providers
- Police and sheriff personnel
- **Prosecutors**
- Refugee providers
- Sexual assault survivor advocates
- Shelter staff
- Victim witness coordinators



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